

DECLARATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence and post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TROCAR" the specification of which is attached hereto.

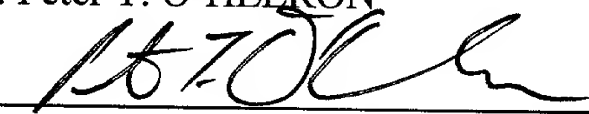
We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed to Clarence E. Eriksen, McGlinchey Stafford, 1001 McKinney, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 520-1900.

We hereby declare that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned, being the inventor(s) named in the above-identified application, hereby revoke(s) any previous Powers of Attorney and appoint(s) Clarence E. Eriksen, Reg. No. 27,734, as Attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent.

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